

Docket No. 850063.529

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below-named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below under our names.

We believe that we are the original inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**A SEMICONDUCTOR STRUCTURE HAVING AN IMPROVED PRE-METAL
DIELECTRIC STACK AND METHOD FOR FORMING THE SAME**

which is described and claimed in the foregoing specification and for which a patent is sought.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein (if any).

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

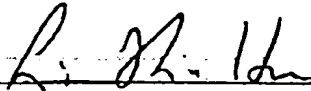
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